

ABSTRACT

Papermachine clothing having machine direction (MD) yarns and cross-machine direction (CD) yarns interwoven in a repeat pattern, wherein the CD yarns are provided in two systems. The first CD yarn system has upper and lower yarns. The second CD yarn system has a single yarn. The first and second CD systems are provided alternatively throughout the fabric. The MD yarns are also provided in two systems, the first MD yarn system extending in between the upper and lower yarns of the first CD yarn system and over the single yarn of the second CD yarn system. Individual yarns of the second MD yarn system extend over one of the upper or lower yarns of the first CD yarn system and the single yarn of the second CD yarn system. Two adjacent machine direction yarns from different MD yarn systems extend as a pair over the same CD yarn of the second CD yarn system with one of the pair of MD yarns extending above the other of the pair such that the other yarn is protected from abrasion.